

Follow-up Actions Of The First Round of the EU-China High Level People-to-People Dialogue (HPPD)

The first round of the EU-China High Level People-to-People Dialogue (HPPD) was held on 18 April 2012 in Brussels.

The dialogue was co-chaired by Ms Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth and Ms Liu Yandong, State Councillor of the People's Republic of China.

The two leaders signed a Joint Declaration, by which they expressed their willingness to upgrade cooperation in people to people related areas with a view to contributing to the knowledge and common understanding between China and the EU, through the enhancement of contacts between the peoples of both sides.

The two parties agreed to take a number of follow-up actions, some jointly and some unilaterally, under the framework of EU-China HPPD, ideally to be initiated before the next round of the HPPD, due to take place in China in 2014.

Follow-up actions

I. Education

- With a view to (i) upgrade the current sectoral policy dialogue, (ii) help identify themes of common interest and (iii) strengthen mutual exchange of best practice and information on latest policy developments, the two parties will set up the **"EU-China Higher Education Platform for Cooperation and Exchange"**. Among other things, the platform may explore avenues to streamline and reinforce efforts to support and promote the activities of the existing "China-Europe International Business School" (CEIBS) in Shanghai Jiaotong University, "China-EU School of Law" (CESL) in China University of Political Science and Law and "China-EU Institute for Clean and Renewable Energy" (ICARE) at Huazhong University of Science and Technology.
- With a view to increasing the number of **students and scholars exchange** during 2012-2016:
 - The Chinese Side will provide 30,000 scholarships, of which 20,000 will support the Chinese students and scholars to study in all EU countries and 10,000 will support the EU students and scholars to study in China, The number of "Chinese Government Scholarship—EU Window" will be increased from 100 to 200.

- The European Commission will strengthen its action to promote EU-China learning exchanges, with a view to support the mobility of 5,000 Chinese students and academics to the EU and 2,000 EU students and academics to China through its mobility programmes.
- The two parties will continue their **dialogue on education** policies:
 - In order to (i) strengthen the compatibility of EU and China education systems, (ii) enhance outcome-based education, (iii) overcome obstacles to mobility, (iv) establish commonly acknowledged quality criteria and (v) develop tools for mutual recognition, the two parties will start an **EU-China "Tuning"** joint study in 2012.
 - To enhance **language cooperation** and further promote multilingualism:
 - With a purpose to (i) promote teaching and learning of EU and Chinese languages abroad, (ii) explore ways to further foster language training and mobility for language students and teachers and (iii) highlight the role of languages as a vehicle to enhance people-to-people communication, the two parties will organise a China-EU conference on multilingualism in 2012.
 - The Chinese Side will in 2012 provide scholarship for 10 EU students to study for doctoral degrees regarding Chinese Studies in China; invite 1000 EU young students to participate in summer camps in China and 30 EU officials to study Chinese language for 1 week in China.
 - The European Commission will implement a pilot Language Project consisting of supporting exchanges of Chinese language students and teachers of EU official languages and of EU teachers and students of Mandarin for short periods of intensive training.
- Support will be given to mutual exchange visits of young students to both sides (the models can be home stay, school immersion and cultural study programs). The Chinese Side will implement the China-EU Students Exchange Scheme with tens of thousands of Chinese and European students exchanged from 2012 to 2016.
- The Chinese Side will promote the establishment of centres for European, national and regional studies and centres for Chinese studies by Chinese and European institutions, to enhance studies on each other and to provide background information for China-EU cooperation.

II. Culture

- The two parties will upgrade policy dialogue on culture policies, in particular in the field of Cultural and creative industries, to create a mutually conducive environment for increased cooperation and exchanges.
- The two parties will continue support to a full implementation of the EU-China Year of Intercultural Dialogue as a new milestone in EU-China cooperation and an important contribution to the HPPD in 2012.
- The two parties will embody/reflect the lessons learnt from the Year and pave the way for future cooperation in a Joint Declaration to be made by Commissioner Vassiliou and Minister Cai Wu during the Closing ceremony of the EU-China Year of Intercultural Dialogue in November 2012 in China.
- The two parties will broaden the scope of exchanges between intellectuals and policy makers at the next edition of the **EU-China High Level Culture Forum** to be held back to back with the Closing ceremony of the EU-China Year in November 2012.
- The two parties will reinforce cooperation in the field of Cultural and creative industries through a close monitoring of the first **EUCTP** (EU-China Trade Project) projects launched over 2012-2013 in that field and the full exploitation of their results.
- The two parties attach great importance to the audio-visual sector, and will enhance cooperation by facilitating exchanges and circulation of works as well as of professionals through **mutually recognized frameworks such as** the 2012 EU-China Year.

III. Researcher mobility

- In respect of researcher mobility, with the objective to further promote China-EU researcher mobility, the European Commission will encourage Chinese participation in the Marie Curie Actions (People programme, FP7) – and their successor in the Horizon 2020 programme – for both researchers and research organisations, and support the Science and Technology Fellowship (STF) Programme - and its potential successor under the People to People component of the ICI+ programme - for exchanges.
- The Chinese side will explore avenues and propose to the European Side collaboration possibilities to increase mutual participation in schemes for the longer-term exchange of young researchers.

IV Youth

- The two parties will organise, in 2013, an EU-China expert seminar on youth entrepreneurship with a strong focus on creativity, innovation, development of life skills and attitudes aiming at stimulating the sense of initiative of young people. This EU-China expert seminar will ensure the sustainability and impact of the EU-China youth policy dialogue and the cooperation on youth entrepreneurship started in the EU-China Year of Youth.
- The two parties will substantially increase sustainable **partnerships and networks between Chinese and European youth organisations** to allow for cooperation and exchange of good practices between them. With the support of the Youth in Action programme and EU-China Youth Partnership for Friendship programmes, it is expected that by 2013, a total of 500 youth organisations from China and Europe will have been involved in such cooperation projects.
- The two parties will call on youth organisations from China and the EU to advance EU-China people-to-people-dialogue and reach out to a wider range of civil society organisations by concrete projects and initiatives such as the **China-Europe Symposia on Youth Work Development**, jointly organised by the All-China Youth Federation and the European Youth Forum on an annual basis;
- The two parties will establish and reinforce **web based cooperation** between the Chinese and EU portals specialised on youth issues - such as the European Youth Portal – and other forms of media with the aim to give EU-China people-to-people dialogue in the field of youth the widest possible visibility and impact.